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**RESPONSE TO
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 17, 2005, please enter the following remarks. Claims 1-28 are pending in the application and subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has requested restriction to one of the following inventions (Groups I-IV):

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a microarray, classified in class 422, subclass 82.07.
- II. Claims 14-21, drawn to methods of use, classified in class 435, subclass 287.2.
- III. Claims 22-26, drawn to methods of promoting cell or tissue growth, classified in class 435, subclass 41.
- IV. Claims 27-28, drawn to methods of assaying the binding of ligands, classified in class 435, subclass 4.

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Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-13, drawn to microarrays). The Examiner has also requested Applicants to elect a single disclosed species. In response, Applicants elect the invention wherein the biopolymer is an oligosaccharide attached to a glass support by hydrogen bonding. Applicants reserve the right to rejoin method claims and file a divisional or related application to the claims of the non-elected Groups.

Moreover, Applicants election is made with traverse. The Office alleges that Groups I and II represent distinct inventions, though related as product and process of making the product. The Examiner alleges that the inventions are distinct as the product can be made by a materially different process (MPEP §806.05(f)). In addition, the Office alleges that Groups I, III and IV represent distinct inventions, though related as product and process of use. The Examiner alleges that the inventions are distinct as the product can be used in another materially different process (MPEP §806.05(h)).

Under 35 U.S.C. § 121, there are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions:

- (1) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and
- (2) there must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required (emphasis added). *See MPEP § 803.* Applicants submit that both these criteria are not met by the presently claimed invention.

The claims of Groups I-IV encompass a single inventive concept. Specifically, the present invention provides compositions and methods of making and using the compositions. Accordingly, Applicants believe that any search for the compositions of the invention will provide materials relating to methods using the compositions. The Patent Office even notes that all of the method claims belong to the same class. Thus, Applicants believe that prosecution of the invention, as a whole, would not place a serious burden on the Office sufficient to justify restrictions.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for substantive review on their merits. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5014.

Respectfully submitted,



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